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Purpose: To protect Medicare beneficiary access to hospital care in rural areas from recommendations by the Independent Payment Advisory Board.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—111th Cong., 2d Sess.

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- 1 At the end of subtitle B of title I, insert the following:
- 2 **SEC. \_\_\_\_ . PROTECTING MEDICARE BENEFICIARY ACCESS**
- 3 **TO HOSPITAL CARE IN RURAL AREAS FROM**
- 4 **RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE INDEPENDENT**
- 5 **PAYMENT ADVISORY BOARD.**
- 6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1899A(c)(2)(A) of the So-
- 7 cial Security Act, as added by section 3403 of the Patient
- 8 Protection and Affordable Care Act and amended by sec-

1 tion 10320 of such Act, is amended by adding at the end  
2 the following new clause:

3                   “(vii) The proposal shall not include  
4                   any recommendation that would reduce  
5                   payment rates for items and services fur-  
6                   nished by a critical access hospital (as de-  
7                   fined in section 1861(mm)(1)).”.

8       (b) EXPANSION OF AFFORDABILITY EXCEPTION TO  
9 INDIVIDUAL MANDATE.—Section 5000A(e)(1)(A) of the  
10 Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as added by section  
11 1501(b) of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care  
12 Act, is amended by striking “8 percent” and inserting “5  
13 percent”.